

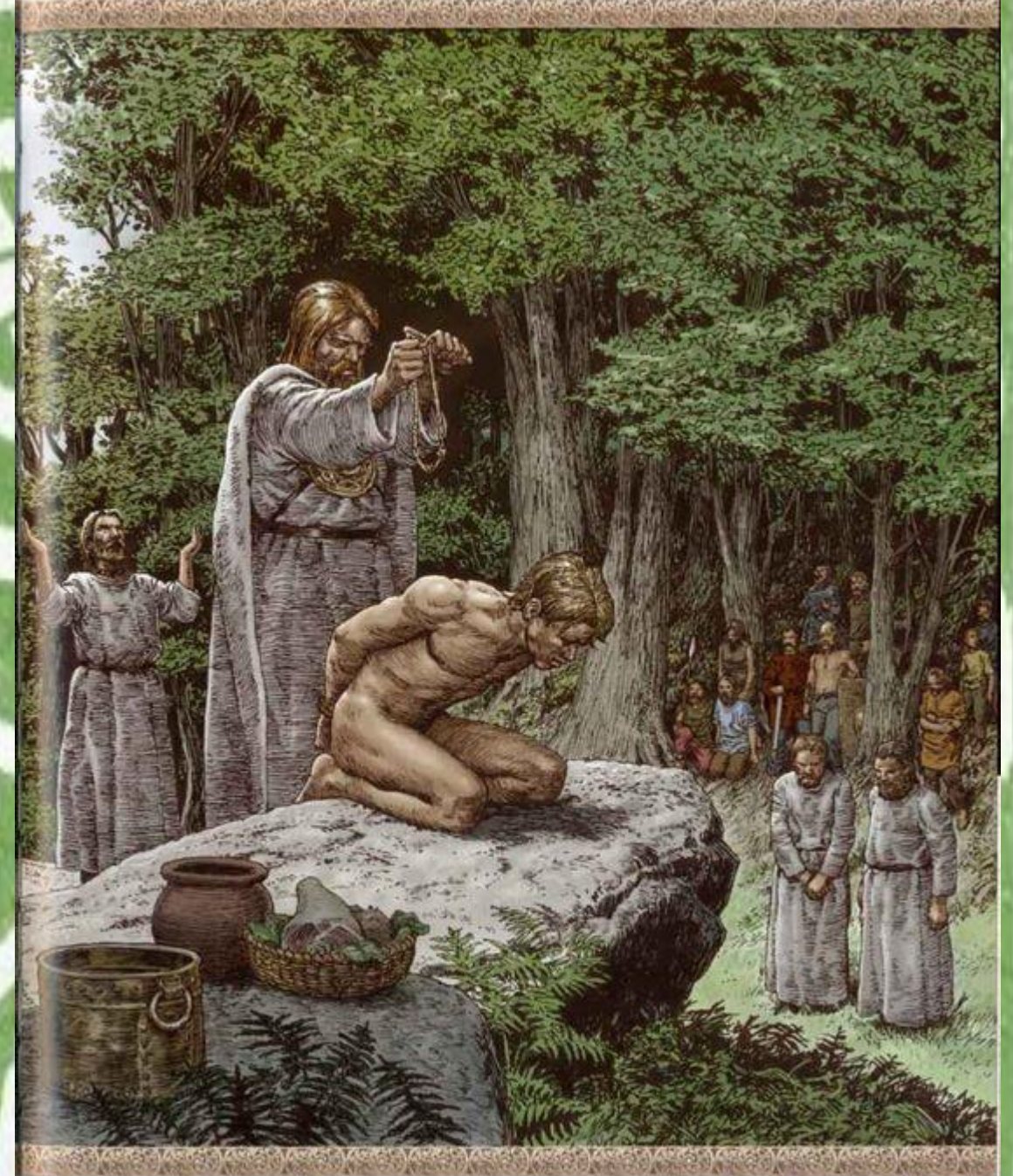
# Druidic Human Sacrifice in Celtic Europe



One of the many functions of the Druids was to officiate during sacrifices to the gods. One commodity sacrificed were human beings (Cunliffe1997:191).

Many of the victims were prisoners of war and criminals.

The Druids wielded immense power and influence in their social hierarchy.



There is little evidence of human sacrifice in the archaeological record. What remains is the accounts of their Roman conquerors attempting to vilify their actions in regards to Roman sensibilities in the form of propaganda.



Methods of sacrifice involved stabbing, strangulation, burning in effigies, and the examination of the death struggles or of the victims innards in order to tell the future by means of divination.



The Druids' power permitted them the influence to incite rebellion and insurrection against their Roman enemies. This was reason enough for the Romans to publish their propaganda.

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